

# Y<mark>DAY</mark> SOLUTIONS TO HELPYOU GET THE ENERGYYOU NEED!

# F for Food: Food In = Energy Out

Balance, variety and moderation are an important recipe when you're choosing foods to fuel your body.

 Mix up your menu with nutrient-rich foods that help you get through the day. No single food provides every nutrient you need.

• Fiber up. Make today's lunch sandwich with whole wheat, seven-grain or oatmeal bread.

 Pump iron. Seventy-five percent of both teenage girls and women between ages 20 and 50 are not meeting their dietary requirements for iron! Pump up your iron intake with one of nature's best sources, beef.

Zap that next bug. Zinc plays a vital role in the maintenance of the immune system. A three-ounce serving of beef provides 39% of the Daily Value for zinc; the same amount of chicken provides just 6%.2 • Add to your foods' color palette.

Eat colorful fruits and vegetables like tomatoes, mangoes, carrots, blueberries and squash. The deeper the colors, the more nutrients they contain.

Think of fat as a balancing act. Enjoy all foods — just balance high fat and lowfat options over time.



You don't have to be a gym rat. All you have to do is get moving!

• Everything counts, just shoot for 30 minutes each day. Walk instead of drive, work in your garden — even vacuuming or dusting with vigor counts.

Put some muscle into it. Strength training improves balance and flexibility, increases self-esteem, boosts metabolism and elevates your mood!3 Lift your children, carry the groceries or laundry, or stop by the gym.

• Don't sit on it. While the kids play soccer or softball, walk the sidelines or stroll around the field instead of lounging in the stands.

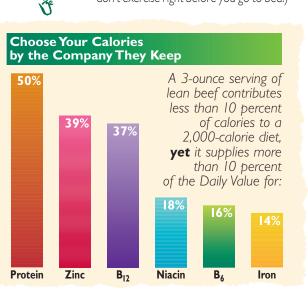
• Elevate yourself. Break normal routines and rethink your daily activity. Climb stairs when you'd usually jump in the elevator.

 Spice up your workout. Try swing dancing, cycling, kickboxing, water aerobics or yoga.

# Z for ZZZs: A Better Rested You for the Things You've Got to Do

Getting a good night of sleep is essential for your everyday health and for re-energizing your body.

- When you hit the hay, call it a day. Don't use your bed to watch TV, pay bills, or do work. When you go to bed, your body needs to know it's time to sleep.
- Prep your body for sleep. Stay away from caffeine and alcohol close to bedtime.<sup>4,5</sup>
- Watch your watch. Get up and go to bed at the same time every day. A regular rhythm will help you get into a healthy sleep cycle.
- Move more, rest easier later. Activity during the day will help you sleep at night. (Just don't exercise right before you go to bed.)



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service. 1999. Nutrient Database for Standard Reference, Release 13.





# **BE REALISTIC**

Make small changes over time in what you eat and the level of activity you do. After all, small steps work better than giant leaps.



### BE ADVENTUROUS

Expand your tastes to enjoy a variety of foods.



#### **BE FLEXIBLE**

Go ahead and balance what you eat and the physical activity you do over several days. No need to worry about just one meal or one day.



### 🖰 BE SENSIBLE

Enjoy all foods, just don't overdo it.



#### **BE ACTIVE**

Walk the dog, don't just watch the dog walk.

There are seven cuts of beef that meet the USDA labeling guidelines for lean.6

Look for loin or round in the name.

- Top Round
- Eye Round
- Round Tip
- Top Sirloin
- Bottom Round
- Top Loin
- Tenderloin

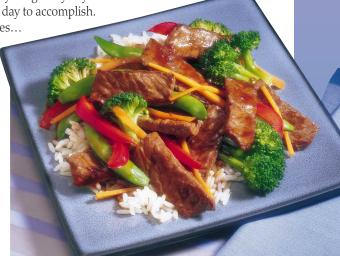
#### **Make Your Time Count**

- If you feel overwhelmed by having too much to do, learn to say no! It's okay.
- Learn to ask for help. You may be surprised by how willing your family and friends are to help.
- Number tasks in order of importance. Organized to-do lists are essential on busy days.
- Know what's important to you. Maybe it's time to downsize your activities or let go of some responsibilities.

You don't have to do everything every day. Choose two things each day to accomplish.

TV, computers, magazines.. Decrease your information overload and take a break.

- Find time for YOU. Try to spend at least 15 minutes each day on your favorite thing.
- Think about what you can do"better" tomorrow to maximize your time, energy and good feelings!



## Asian Beef & Vegetable Stir-Fry

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

I-I/4 pounds boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut I inch thick

- 4 cups assorted fresh vegetables, such as sugar snap peas, broccoli florets, bell pepper strips and shredded carrot
- I clove garlic, minced

1/2 cup prepared stir-fry sauce, preferably sesame- ginger flavor

1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

- 3 cups hot cooked rice
- 2 tablespoons unsalted dry-roasted peanuts (optional)
- 1. Cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/4-inch thick strips.
- 2. Combine vegetables and 3 tablespoons water in large nonstick skillet. Cover and cook over medium-high heat 4 minutes or until crisp-tender. Remove and drain.
- 3. Heat same pan over medium-high heat until hot. Add I/2 of beef and I/2 of garlic; stir-fry I to 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. Remove. Repeat with remaining beef and garlic.
- 4. Return all beef and vegetables to pan. Add stir-fry sauce and red pepper; heat through. Spoon over rice. Sprinkle with peanuts, if desired.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving (1/6 of recipe): 286 calories; 26 g protein; 31 g carbohydrate; 6 g fat; 546 mg sodium; 64 mg cholesterol; 4.9 mg niacin; .5 mg vitamin  $B_6$ ; 2.0 mcg vitamin  $B_{12}$ ; 4.1 mg iron; 5.1 mg zinc. (Complete nutritionals available on request.)

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, iron, zinc, niacin and vitamins  $B_6$  and  $B_{12}$ .

#### **Chicken Breast** 1.4 g sat. fat **Top Round**

**Round Tip** 

Tenderloin

0.9 g sat. fat\* 3.0 g total fat

4.2 g total fat 1.5 g sat. fat **Eye Round** 2. I g sat. fat

2.4 g sat. fat **Top Sirloin** 

2.1 g sat.fat **Bottom Round** 6.3 g total fat 3.1 g sat.fat Top Loin 8.0 g total fat

2.6 g sat. fat Chicken Thigh 9.2 g total fat

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8.5 g total fat





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All beef cuts are based or 3-ounce cooked servings 1/4" trim, lean only

All chicken cuts are based on 3-ounce cooked servings, skinless